

**RESOLUTIONS**  
**ALBERTA TRAPPERS' ASSOCIATION**  
**2016 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**

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**SPECIAL RESOLUTIONS**

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## **Resolutions Received From Locals:**

The following resolutions have been received to date:

1. From: Rocky Trappers' Association – Local # 1180  
Date: April 20, 2016

### **BAITING OF WOLVES ON REGISTERED TRAPLINES**

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the Alberta Trappers' Association request that Alberta Environment and Parks approve the practice of hunters baiting wolves on registered trap lines only be allowed with notification to the registered trap line owner.

**BRIEF:** In our area we have encountered hunters legally setting up bait stations to shoot wolves. In some cases these bait stations have been in conflict with the register trap line owners bait stations. Some of the registered trap lines are small and placement of bait stations are critical. With grizzly bear and cougar activity always a concern, it's important that trap line owners be notified of bait stations being placed on their lines. For proper management and safety it is essential that registered trap line owners be made aware of bait stations being place by others on their lines.

### **MOTION CARRIED**

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2. From: Rob Miskosky  
Date: April 30, 2016

### **BREAK-AWAY DEVICES**

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the Alberta Trappers' Association request that Alberta Environment and Parks make Break-away devices (BADs) mandatory on the use of all snares except for those being used as holding devices (e.g., foot snares, underwater snares), or those being used in lynx pens or cubbies, or those set for squirrel.

**BRIEF:** Alberta trappers have recognized that on occasion, non-intended target animals maybe captured in snares. The use of break-away devices on snares allows for the release of many of these unintended catches, including deer, moose, elk and cougar where wolf, coyote, fox and sometimes lynx (trail sets) snaring takes place. While we recognize that break-away devices will not release all incidental catches (e.g. deer where wolf snares are being used), they do allow for a majority of unintended targets to "break-away" from the snare, thus unharmed.

### **UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED**

3. From: Rob Miskosky  
Date: April 30, 2016  
Submitted by: Greater Edmonton Local 1054  
**FURBEARER LIMITS (QUOTAS)**

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the Alberta Trappers' Association request that Alberta Environment and Parks remove all limits (quotas) as they pertain to otter, lynx and fisher.

**BRIEF:** Alberta trappers have been asked to manage all of the furbearers on his or her trapline(s) based on their intimate knowledge of the furbearers within his or her trapping area, with the exception of otter, lynx, fisher and wolverine. Trappers holding Registered Fur Management Areas (RFMAs) know their traplines and the cycles of the furbearers there better than anyone. We understand that wolverine remain data deficient and should be, for now, left managed under the limit (quota) system; however, otter, lynx and fisher management should be left to the discretion of the trapper holding an RFMA. Trappers remain committed to the health of the furbearers on their traplines and overharvest is not in the best interests of the trapper. Trappers have proven to be stewards of the land, which includes the sound management of all furbearers found within a Registered Fur Management Area.

**MOTION CARRIED**

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4. From: Kevin Klein  
Date: April 30, 2016  
Submitted by: Kevin Klein  
**ALIGN FISHER, MARTEN, MINK AND WOLVERINE SEASON CLOSURE TO THE SAME DATE AS THE LYNX SEASON IN ZONE 1**

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the Alberta Trappers' Association request that Alberta Environment and Parks change the closing date for Fisher, Marten, Mink and Wolverine to be consistent with the dates that the Lynx season closes in Fur Management Zone 1 (February 15<sup>th</sup>).

**BRIEF:**

These areas include a large number of swamps, which do not freeze up until later in the season. Trappers cannot get to some of their lines until freeze up. Having consistent closure dates would assist trappers in maximizing their harvest and increasing their efficiency. Wildlife Management Units 524, 532, 534, 536 and 539 have extended seasons, so this would be consistent with that practice.

**MOTION CARRIED**

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5. From: South Country Trappers Association

Date: April 16, 2016

Submitted by: Rod Graham

**POLICY REGARDING MEDIA DISCLOSURES BY GOA EMPLOYEES RELATED TO NON-TARGET CAPTURES**

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT** Alberta Fish and Wildlife officers and Alberta Conservation officers be prohibited from exposing to media any and all non-target captures taken by trappers under the authority of resident trappers, registered trappers, native trappers, licences or damage control permits.

**BRIEF:** In cases where non-target captures take place the matter is highly sensitive and prone to uninformed and negative media attention. These incidents should be handled promptly and responsibly by the parties impacted.

**RESOLUTION WITHDRAWN**